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Mayor Healy & Jersey City Office of Veterans Affairs to Salute Soldiers on Veterans Day

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, and the **Office of Veterans Affairs and the Division of Cultural Affairs** salute and commemorate Veterans of all wars fought by the United States during this patriotic day on **Tuesday, November 11, 2008**.

“Every day as a proud nation, we should salute the many brave men and women who bravely serve their country,” said **Mayor Healy**. “As we pause to remember the many sacrifices made by our veterans we must never forget the high cost of protecting our freedom and keeping our country safe.”

The **Pershing Field Garden Friends** will hold a rededication ceremony of the “**America Triumphant**” statue at 11:00 a.m. at the **Vietnam Veterans Community Center** in Pershing Field, located between Manhattan and Summit Avenues.

On July 4, 1922 the unveiling of the memorial, "America Triumphant," was erected by popular subscription in memory of the 147 Hudson City war heroes, residents of the old Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, who gave their lives in World War I. The ceremony was preceded by a military procession where thousands had gathered to what was said to be the greatest flag display Jersey City had ever seen. This past year, Pershing Field Garden Friends has restored the memorial to its original state and once again has enshrined the names of those Hudson City residents who gave their lives in the cause of their country.

Pershing Field, named for the late World War I General, John (Black Jack) Pershing who commanded the American Expeditionary Forces that fought against the German aggression of Kaiser Wilhelm's army that had invaded countries in Europe in 1914, is home to a number of war memorials, such as Korean War Monument, the Vietnam War Memorial, and the WWI Memorial.

The **Historic Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery** will host its first annual “**Honoring Our Veterans**” at 12:00 p.m. at the Harsimus Cemetery on 435 Newark Avenue. The event will feature musical performances, elected officials, members of the Joyce Herbert VFW Post and the Lincoln Association.

The **Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County** are hosting “**The Candles of Light Memorial**” at 11:00 a.m. at the magnificent Korean War Monument located at the foot of Washington Street and the Hudson River in the Paulus Hook Historic District of Downtown Jersey City.

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